

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the originally filed Abstract with the substitute Abstract filed herewith on a separate sheet of paper.

Please replace the heading on page 3, line 4 of the specification with the following amended heading:

(PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED BY THE INVENTION)

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 1-13 of the originally-filed specification with the following amended paragraph.

Incidentally, if the density patch N is positioned inside the effective image area, the diagnosis can possibly be disturbed by the density patch N, therefore, the density patch is usually provided outside the effective image area. However, if the density patch N is provided at the leading edge portion or trailing edge portion of the film, due to the above-explained flip-flops of the film, the density of the density patch itself can be degraded or fluctuate. When the density of the density patch whose density is unstable is measured, correct compensation can not be conducted, and as a result, the finishing quality of the film F to be image recorded thereafter will worsen and image quality in the effective image area will also fluctuate.